

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Bujold (Attorney) & Kevin Hoy (Applicant) on 12/9/08.

Interview Summary: Discussion & agreement of updating the drawings (figures 1, 2, 3 & 5) to show components (2 & 8) made from the same material by using the same pattern or shading and heavier defining line between the components in figure 1. Also, tile change from "Anchoring Methods & Products of such Products" to "Anchoring Products & Methods of such Products."

Specification

The following title is suggested: "Anchoring Products & Methods of such Products."

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the components are made from the same material, therefore, they should have the same pattern to indicate that this is the case. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman

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outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27-36 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: there are numerous methods of anchoring a fitting to a base, including those disclosed in Stacey, Jr. (US 4,520,601) and Ernst et al. (US 5,263,804). Applicant's arguments filed 10/14/08 are persuasive. Examiner agrees that Stacey has a base member and plug-element features and Ernst has a recess feature. However, neither reference uses the same mineral composition, as defined by Applicant's Specification, for the components (cavity & plug-element) then adhesively bonded together as presented by the Applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERTA DELISLE ("Bobbi") whose telephone number is (571) 270-3746. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8 AM to 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Victor D. Batson can be reached on (571) 272- 6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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